



First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Ohio

Rev. Ronald Johnson, Minister of Word and Sacrament
Elder Diane Boster, Liturgist
Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist



SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Welcome

GATHERING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Ron Johnson

PRELUDE

Dr. Phillip Roberts

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Diane Boster

L. Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts;

P. We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

L. Call upon God to increase our strength of soul.

P. In the midst of troubling times, God reaches out to us.

L. We gather to worship God, trusting in God's goodness and guidance.

All: We come to offer our prayers and praise, seeking God's renewing love day by day.

***PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Elder Boster

***OPENING HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" GTG**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Boster

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

God of purpose and possibility, you give us work to do and the skills we need to do it. Yet we prefer to follow our own ways. We think we know better. Forgive our stubborn natures. By the power of your Holy Spirit, create in us a teachable spirit so we can learn new ways to serve you. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and meditation)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Johnson

***THE GLORIA PATRI** *(sung in unison)*

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

A PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Rev. Johnson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 130 NRSVU

Rev. Johnson

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. ² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! ³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 3:20-35 NLT

Elder Boster

²⁰ One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. ²¹ When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

²² But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons."

²³ Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked. ²⁴ "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. ²⁵ Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart. ²⁶ And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive. ²⁷ Let me illustrate this further. Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.

²⁸ "I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven, ²⁹ but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences." ³⁰ He told them this because they were saying, "He's possessed by an evil spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. ³² There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you."

³³ Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" ³⁴ Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. ³⁵ Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ms. Michele Imes

THE MESSAGE

Who is this radical, Jesus?

Rev. Johnson

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#791 "For You, My God, I Wait" **GTG**

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Johnson

The Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Elder Boster

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Dr. Roberts

***The Doxology**

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(spoken in unison)*

Elder Boster

God, you are the giver of all good gifts. Receive our offering and our gratitude this day. Bless what we bring and what we do so that we become expressions of your abundant love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

384 "Soon and Very Soon" **GTG**

CALLED TO MISSION

Soli Deo Gloria *(To God Alone be Glory)*

God's story shaping ours.

***In Christ, one and many, coming by grace,
following in faith, serving with love,
in neighborhoods near and far.
The Word proclaimed, the work fulfilled,***

***the World transformed toward Zion here and coming.
To God alone be the glory!***

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Johnson

***SENDING SONG** #541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" **GTG**

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated for the postlude*)

Dr. Roberts

***The asterisk indicates when we rise to our feet in spirit,
as we are able in body.**



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bulletin, aim your
camera at the UPC code.

**THE PRAYER LIST IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
IN THE EDUCATION ANNEX**

Calendar

June 5: Mediation Practice, 12-2P, Hybrid

June 9-11: Church Treasurer away.

June 11: Armbrust Student Loan Cmte. meets, 5:30P, Hybrid

June 12: Session Meets, 1P, Conference Rm.

June 13: Clergy Breakfast, 9A, Bristol Village

June 13: Church Secretary/Admin. Aid away.

June 16: Father's Day and Presbyterian Men celebrated.

June 18: Mtg. with Shawnee U. Student Min., Min. N. Korne, 11:30A

June 19: Juneteenth Celebrated.

June 19: SCM meets, 2P, Conference Rm.

June 24: COM

June 25: Boundary Training, Clergy Required, Columbus, 10 A

Pastor & Church Secretary's Office Hours for the Week

Sunday: Worship and office hours. Mondays:

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SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE _____

SCRIPTURE VERSE(S) _____

WHAT DID I HEAR THAT RAISED QUESTIONS? _____

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? _____

WHAT WOULD I LIKE TO STUDY FURTHER? _____

MY HEART-FELT PRAYER TO GOD FOR THOSE IN MY LIFE AND MYSELF _____



We are excited to announce our new active website for the Arthur Armbrust Student Loan

Arthur A. Armbrust Scholarship Loan Fund

Empowering Education in Portsmouth, Ohio

Established in 1982 in memory of Arthur "Art" Armbrust, a cherished member of the First Presbyterian Church community, this fund embodies Art's lifelong commitment to education and community support.

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About The Arthur A. Armbrust Scholarship Loan Fund

Arthur "Art" Armbrust, a native of Portsmouth's Benedict area, forged a lifelong bond with the First Presbyterian Church, a place that nurtured his early years. Despite living in various communities throughout his career, Art's connection with the church never waned. In 1982, he established the Arthur A. Armbrust Scholarship Loan Fund, reflecting his deep commitment to education and community support. This fund, further enriched by Art's endowment upon his passing in 1998, continues to empower Portsmouth's persevering undergraduate students, embodying his enduring legacy of generosity and support for education.

We understand the challenges of funding educational aspirations, and it's our goal to ease this burden, allowing students to focus on what truly matters—their academic and personal growth.

This revolving student loan program is administered under the authority of the Board of Session of First Presbyterian Church, 221 Court Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.

[How To Apply](#)

How We Select Students



Character

The student's merit will be assessed based on academic performance, school involvement, extracurricular activities, and overall attitude—all a part of making an outstanding member of our society.



Support

The Board of Session or its representatives will strive to support deserving students in funding their education.



Trustworthiness

In cases where repayment concerns arise due to the family's credit history, the student's education and trustworthiness should be the primary consideration.

[How To Apply](#)

We've Been Helping Students For More Than 40 Years

For over four decades, our commitment to empowering young minds has never wavered. Year after year, we've proudly supported countless students on their educational journeys, fostering a legacy of learning and opportunity that continues to flourish.



More About The Loan

The maximum loan amount to any individual is \$5,000 per academic period year with a maximum outstanding to any borrower.

[How To Apply](#)

How To Apply



1. Fill Out Application

Simply download the application, fill out your information, and submit it online.



2. Approval Process

Applications undergo a review by the committee, focusing on aspects such as academic merit and financial requirements.



3. Path To Education

Upon approval, the disbursed funds enable students to invest in their educational journey with less financial worry.

[Apply Here](#)

Contact Us

Have questions or need more information? We're here to help! Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any inquiries you may have about the loan process, eligibility, or application details. We are here to provide the guidance and support you need to take the next step in your educational journey.

 740-353-4259

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY!!!



Neighborhood
**BLOCK
PARTY**

JULY 27, 2024 TIME: 4-7 PM
221 COURT STREET, PORTSMOUTH
Join us for a live band, nacho's, burgers,
hotdogs, popcorn, bounce houses, give
aways, and more...

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Please call the church office to sign up family, friends, attendees, and members. Melissa: 740.353.4259 or email: firstpresbyterian.portsmouth@gmail.com

Celebrate FATHERS DAY and Presbyterian Men

"Honor your Father and Mother, as the LORD your God commanded you. Then you will live along, full life in the land The LORD your GOD is giving you." Deuteronomy 5:16 NLT



JUNE 16th , 2024